



## **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

### **Internal Revenue Service**

#### **Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Employers' Identification Numbers**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning information collection requirements related to the application for an employer identification number.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS DOCUMENT] to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Roberto Mora-Figueroa, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20224. Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to R. Joseph Durbala, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington DC 20224, or through the internet, at [RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov](mailto:RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Employers' identification numbers.

**OMB Number:** 1545-0003

**Form Number:** SS-4; SS-4-PR

**Abstract:** Sections 6011 and 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code, section 31.6011(b) of the Employment Tax Regulations, and section 301.6109 1 of the Procedures and Administration Regulations require certain taxpayers to have an employer identification number (EIN), for use on returns, statements, or other documents. An EIN is a nine-digit

number (for example, 12-3456789) assigned to sole proprietors, corporations, partnerships, estates, trusts, and other entities for tax filing and reporting purposes.

**Current Actions:** There is no change to the burden previously approved.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit organizations

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 1,612,708

**Estimated Time Per Respondent:** 33 minutes

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 903,116

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained if their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

**Desired Focus of Comments:** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond,

including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the ICR for OMB approval of the extension of the information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

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